



Mr. Charles "Charlie" Read

August 3, 1959 - April 1, 2023

Charles Wickliffe Read, director of the Bowers House Literary Center in Canon, GA passed away on Saturday, April 1, at his home. He was 63. He was the son of the late Ruth and Henry Read, Sr.

Survivors include his partner, Dorjan Williams; brother, Henry Read, Jr.; sisters, Lee Read Pilgrim and Molly Read Woo; and nieces and nephews, Ryan Lannom, Aidan Pilgrim, Vanna Pilgrim, Glenna Read-Bullock, Jessie Read and Max Woo.

A memorial service for Charlie will be held in the Historic Canon Unitarian Universalist Church at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, with Rev. Scotty Hargrove officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Canon UU Church at P.O. Box 185 Canon, GA 30520.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Canon Unitarian Universalist Church
5160 GA Highway 17
Canon, GA 30520

Tribute Wall

TP

“ I only met Charlie in January, but he was the kind of person whose sweet spirit makes an indelible impression. We communicated briefly after his diagnosis, and even then he was kind and just lovely. His passing is a real loss. And every time I beat my scrambled eggs REALLY hard I will remember him.

Terri Pease - April 24, 2023 at 09:23 AM

RA

“ Charlie was kind, big-hearted, and a wonderful human. We are very lucky to have worked with him as friend and colleague. -- Ma-Yi Theater Company

Ralph - April 10, 2023 at 03:47 PM

RC

“ Did not know Charlie for a long time but could tell that he was a good ,kind and gentle soul.

Ricky Carter - April 08, 2023 at 12:10 PM

CT

“ Charlie was a great man who loved and was loved by many. Will miss his childish smile and gestures, and take joy knowing he is in a better place. Looking forward to seeing you again Charlie.

Chuck Teasley - April 08, 2023 at 09:24 AM

MB

“ A friend since childhood. Charlie’s kindnesses was contagious and he spread it wherever he went. I will miss him greatly. Rest in peace my friend. ❤️

Monroe Brown - April 08, 2023 at 08:17 AM

JM

“ It was such an honor to be befriended by this wonderful man and to get to share your in his remarkable vision. He will be greatly missed.

Jan Cleveland Morris - April 08, 2023 at 12:28 AM

BE

“ Charlie was always truly a GEM. I will always truly love him - whose parents also helped shape me. It's all in God's Will as it will be.

Beverly - April 07, 2023 at 03:52 PM

MK

“ Since the age of four, my truest and best friend. I will miss you but I also know we will see each other again.

Mark Karelson - April 07, 2023 at 08:22 AM

RO

I have known Charlie since 2001 as a brother of my dear friend Molly.

He was so sweet and ready to help anytime.

*As a violinist, I was very impressed by Charlie's tremendous support to all
We all know how much he had done for all programs in Bowers house and
much volunteer's work he had done to support Arts.*

I would like to post a small reel of music in honour of you.

Michel and I performed it one time at Bowers house.

Charlie we will miss you dearly- you will not be forgotten!

Rest in peace!

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Roumena - April 07, 2023 at 09:05 AM

RO

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Roumena - April 07, 2023 at 09:09 AM

RV

“*Charlie Read was like a big brother to me and my hero from the day we met. My heart has been heavy with the loss of Charlie. You are always in my heart and will be missed my friend.*”

Robert Vasvary - April 05, 2023 at 02:40 PM

 Tommy Lannom

“ Charlie and I shared 13 years together, his Love will live on in my heart forever. The Rainbow  Bridge will be full with the dogs that Charlie loved so much. Tessa, Cassious, and JJ to name just a few who aren't pictured here with Axel, Penny, and Millie, whom we raised together.

I Will Always Love You, Charlie Read.

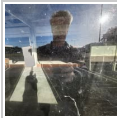


Tommy Lannom - April 04, 2023 at 09:20 AM

SM

Charlie will be missed very much. He was a nice guy. Charlie would anything he could to help others. I knew Charlie for many decades. We shared some good times together. He will forever be in my thoughts (God bless)

Steve Mitchell - April 04, 2023 at 05:18 PM



A million years ago I attended high school with Molly and her older brother Charlie. There weren't many friends for me at that time, but Charlie was always genuine, sweet, and kind to a scared lower classman, and I never forgot it. My condolences to all of Charlie's family. Rest in peace, Charlie, and thanks for being my first secret crush.

John Dyer - April 04, 2023 at 10:23 PM

JL

Just hearing this sad,sad news.Im so sorry for everyone's loss, especially the family 🙏🙏🙏 He was a very Special Person with the best ❤️ heart.He will be deeply missed by so many.Prayers for the family.Love you all.Jackie Lester(Mary Massey"s grand daughter)

Jackie Lester - April 05, 2023 at 02:25 AM

MJ

Godspeed

Michael Huff Jr. - April 05, 2023 at 08:30 AM

KL

Heartbreaking to learn of his passing. Condolences! RIP Charlie

Kakki Ledyard - April 06, 2023 at 10:55 AM

MM

I remember Charlie from our days at UGA. He was a friend; he had a big heart. I pray Gods grace for his future.

Mark Monroe - March 22, 2024 at 07:06 AM

LG

“ I loved Charlie....

Leigh Ann Gillespie - April 04, 2023 at 08:20 AM



So many people loved Charlie. Though I only knew him 3 or 4 years it felt as if we'd been friends forever! He had a way of making me feel special from the day I met him. He called me by name long before I remembered his. I'd ask someone else , "who is that nice guy? He's always so happy to see me." That's how Charlie made us all feel. I miss him already. I will cherish our fun weekend memories of staying at The Bowers House. I love you Charlie! ❤️

Kathy Mills Shaw - April 04, 2023 at 02:32 PM



I've only known Charlie since he came to Bowers House and was grateful that he encouraged us to continue our Writer's Guild and would usually join us. He was friendly, generous, and kind with so many friends, creative and artistic connections, and a willingness to share them with others. I will miss your presence.

Sharon Wynns - April 05, 2023 at 12:20 PM



Remembering Charlie during this time I wish I was in Canon. Great hugs, the warmest smile, music played with utter joy and as beloved as any "little brother" I've been blessed to know. Special love and sympathy to Lee, Henry and Molly. 💔

Bee Pennington - April 08, 2023 at 01:45 PM